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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE IN WESTERN GREECE

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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED IN THE COURSE OF THE EMBASSY'S INVESTIGATION OF THE EARTHQUAKE THAT HIT WESTERN GREECE ON DECEMBER 31, 1975:

2. ACCOREING TO GOG REPORTS, ONE GIRL WAS KILLED AND TWO ADULTS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED. SEVEN HUNDRED TENTS AND A MOBILE HOSPITAL UNIT HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE STRICKEN AREA. ALSO GEOLOGISTS, MINING ENGINEERS, AND CIVIL ENGINEERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE AREA TO RECOMMEND MEASURES FOR PREVENTING LANDSLIDES AND ASSISTING BADLY HIT COMMUNITIES TO RELOCATE. THE GOG HAS GRANTED A DEBT MORATORIUM AND APPROVED A 900 MILLION DRACHMA REHABILITATION PROGRAM FOR AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS

3. A MEMBER OF THE EMBASSY STAFF VISITED THE AREA AND HAS REPORTED THAT THE EARTHQUAKE DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE RESULTED IN GREAT SUFFERING. THE MAJOR PROBLEM IS THE LOSS OF SHELTER BECAUSE OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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DESTRUCTION OF HOMES. AT THE VILLAGE OF KATO MAKRINOU ONE THIRD OF

THE HOUSES APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, WITH A GREAT NUMBER OF OTHER HOUSES UNINHABITABLE. AT ANO MARKYNOUN SEVERAL HOUSES HAVE BECOME UNINHABITABLE. AT ANALIPSIS, VLAHOMANDRIA, MESSARISTA AND OTHER VILLAGES, DAMAGE IS NOT MUCH IN EVIDENCE

4. THERE HAVE BEEN NO SHORTAGES OF FOOD OR MEDICINES, AND NO SANITATION PROBLEM. NO ONE HAS BEEN EVACUATED. THERE HAS BEEN NO DAMAGE TO THE MEANS OF THE RESIDENTS' LIVELIHOOD. MANY OF THE PEOPLE LIVING IN TENTS ARE APPARENTLY DOING SO OUT OF FEAR OF RECURRENCE. THE GREEK GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO HAVE RESPONDED RAPIDLY AND EFFECTIVELY TO THE EMERGENCY.
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